

and constitutional measure, and that as such he hoped it would address itself to the members of the House.

ANCIENT HISTORY.
Mr. Littlefield created considerable amusement by reading a most extravagant denunciation of combinations, and then explained that the extract was not from the speech of any gentleman on the floor, but from a speech by Sir John Lubbock, in the English Parliament 282 years ago. "They had 'em then," said he, "just as we have 'em now." (Laughter.)

"I call your attention to the fact that there was no prohibition of combinations in 1721. He traced the history of combinations back to 2300 B. C. to show, he said, that combinations had always existed, and that there had been an outcry against them. It showed and he said, however, and difficult the problem before Congress was.

Speaking of the bill, Mr. Littlefield said it was not contended that the public utility feature was a part of the bill, but a step in the right direction, capital to the public in the connections where corporations touched the public, namely, as investors, creditors and consumers.

In reply to a question Mr. Littlefield said he did not believe Congress should penalize over-capitalization. To do so, he said, would produce a panic. But publicity, he insisted, would acquire the publicity with the evils of over-capitalization would gradually be corrected.

Toward the close of his speech Mr. Littlefield was frequently interrupted with questions. When he concluded the general debate was formally declared closed, and the House adjourned.

CLOSED SENATE DOORS

ON MORGAN'S SPEECH

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, February 6.—For a time today in the Senate it looked as if the question of the construction of an isthmian canal would be discussed in open session. Mr. Morgan introduced a resolution asking the Secretary of War for correspondence regarding the military occupation of the Isthmus of Panama. He had not proceeded far, when Mr. Cullom interrupted with a motion for an executive session, to which Mr. Morgan objected. The Chair, however, overruled him and the doors were closed.

In open session Mr. Morgan explained the object of the resolution, and said, if adopted, it would prove or disprove all the allegations made in the press of Colombia and the United States that at the time of the settlement of the isthmian canal the government of Colombia had received the money to be paid out of the money obtained from the United States for the sale of concessions relating to the isthmian canal. He declared that no agreement had been made in Colombia, but that it was under a dictator. He read the correspondence leading up to the negotiation of a canal treaty, and said that if in the opinion of the President a satisfactory title could be given by Colombia an agreement had been fixed on the price of \$5,000,000 and \$50,000 per annum.

IRREGULARITIES.
After the doors were closed Mr. Morgan continued his remarks, speaking especially of the irregularities which he characterized as the government of Panama. He did not, however, do this until he had spoken of the course of the Senate in closing the doors while he was discussing his resolution. He said he considered himself as good a judge as any one of the irregularities connected with executive matters. He had not violated those proprieties, and did not intend to do so. He expressed the opinion that a question of such interest as the construction of an inter-oceanic canal, in which the entire world is interested should be open to discussion, and he announced his intention of offering a motion to that effect in the Senate.

Replying to these remarks, Mr. Cullom said he had not intended any affront to Mr. Morgan when he suggested that the Senate doors be closed.

Mr. Morgan said he would take the first opportunity to test the Senate on the subject by asking a vote. He then quoted at length the newspaper reports concerning affairs in Colombia, upon which his resolution was based, and proceeded with his remarks for the purpose of showing that this government had undertaken to pay the Colombian insurgents \$3,000,000.

The resolution went to the calendar. Mr. Morgan proceeded with his remarks, which he said, he had been prevented from delivering when the doors were closed. He asked that an article printed in the Springfield Republican of January 30, 1903, and which was read in secret session, be inserted in the record as a part of his remarks.

He also objected, and said that as the subject had been referred to behind closed doors, it should not be spoken of in open session.

"I call the Senator to order," said Mr. Morgan. "He has no right to speak of what took place behind closed doors."

WAR INEVITABLE.
At this juncture the staid old bill was laid before the Senate. Mr. Keen yielded the floor to Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina, who offered resolutions expressing the sorrow of the Senate at the death yesterday of Representative Moody of North Carolina.

The chair appointed Messrs. Fritchard and Simmons, of North Carolina; Clark,

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of Wyoming; Delirich, of Nebraska, and Hettell, of Idaho, a committee to represent the Senate at a funeral. As a further mark of respect the Senate at 8:20 adjourned until to-morrow.

ADDITIONAL OFFICERS

FOR THE U. S. NAVY

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Naval appropriation bill reported to the House to-day carries \$75,048,420, or \$4,142,038 less than the estimates submitted by the Navy Department. The current appropriation is \$78,556,353.

In addition to the provision for the construction of three first-class battleships, one first-class armored cruiser, two steel training ships, the bill allows the selection of two midshipmen for each Senator, Representative and delegate in Congress, thus doubling the number.

Provision is made for the appointment of fifteen ensigns from warrant officers, and for the appointment of thirty additional lieutenants, commanders, fifty additional lieutenants, thirty additional surgeons, one hundred and twenty additional passed assistants and assistant surgeons, twenty-nine naval constructors, eighty-four additional officers for the pay corps, and 3,000 enlisted men.

To the marine corps the bill adds one hundred and twenty-five five majors, twelve captains, twenty-five first lieutenants, and twelve second lieutenants and 670 enlisted men.

MILLERS' ASSOCIATION

Fourth Annual Meeting Held in Washington.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 6.—The Virginia Wheat Millers' Association held its fourth annual meeting here yesterday. Nearly all the large mills of the State were represented. This association was formed five years ago, and has steadily increased in membership and has done much good. Its members represent an average daily output in twenty-four hours of over 6,000 barrels of flour, and if run steadily, would grind the entire crop of wheat of the State of Virginia.

The largest mills of the State are located in Richmond, the Dunlop and Gallego, with a combined capacity of over 2,000 barrels daily; Staunton the next, in the White Star Mill, with a daily capacity of 500 barrels; next, Danville, with 400 barrels, and so on down to 100 barrels.

The officers of the association are: Thomas L. Moore, president, Richmond; A. M. Kiolghann, secretary and treasurer, Staunton; J. T. Pritchard, Danville; George William Cone, Riverton; Andrew Bolling, Staunton; J. A. Patterson, Waynesboro, and J. G. Yancey, Harrisonburg.

TO INQUIRE INTO

COAL CONDITIONS

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 6.—Representative Small, of North Carolina, to-day introduced a concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of eleven members of the House to inquire generally into coal conditions in the United States.

The resolution further directs the committee to inquire whether any combination exists between mine owners and operators and the transportation company in violation of the laws of the United States.

CONGRESSMAN SWANSON

SUFFERING WITH GRIP

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—Representative Swanson is in bed at the Cairo, where he and Mrs. Swanson have apartments, with a severe attack of grip. It has been several days since Mr. Swanson has been out of bed, and it was learned to-night that he is very sick. Mrs. Swanson denies herself to callers, but Representative Hay made inquiry to-night and learned that, while Mr. Swanson is quite ill, there is no cause for apprehension.

HOBSON RESIGNATION

HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 6.—Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson's resignation has been accepted by Secretary Moody, who has written Mr. Hobson as follows:

"The department acknowledges receipt of your resignation tendered January 25, 1903, also your telegram February 5, 1903, declining to reconsider the same. Your resignation from the United States Navy is accepted, to take effect from this date, February 6, 1903."

Telegraphic Briefs:

AUGUSTA, GA.—Miss Johnson, colored, was hanged in the prison yard here to-day for criminally assaulting a white woman three months ago.

REVIVAL OF BASE-BALL

'Squire Donati Busy Laying His Plans at Present.

HAS TWO PROPOSITIONS

Either a Twin-City or a State League.

An All-Professional League Seems Most Likely to Be Settled Upon.

Indication points to the early realization of the footers' dream. 'Squire Charles Donati stating yesterday that he is now at work on two propositions to furnish local fandom with high class base-ball this summer. One of these schemes is obliged to materialize, he says, but just which it will be he is not at present at liberty to state.

'Squire Donati states that he has received offers from Newport News, Lynchburg, Roanoke and Norfolk to put up a substantial forfeit and join a State league. He has the plan now under consideration, and will shortly make known the result.

TWIN CITY LEAGUE.

The other scheme is to organize a twin city league, getting two teams from Richmond, one from Barton Heights and one from Manchester. The idea is to play three games a week in Manchester and Richmond, and this has met with much general favor from those who have considered the plan.

In the first instance it is proposed to organize an all professional league of eight clubs, while in the second the scheme is to have only four clubs and two cities, the players to be the best semi-professionals in this section.

NOT YET DETERMINED.
Both of these propositions have their strong points, and both have many supporters, as a result of which 'Squire Donati has not yet determined which will be adopted. He has the final say in the matter, and it is entirely within his power to give Richmond an all professional team and series of games with the best clubs in the State or to furnish local fandom with amateur ball.

On first blush the former plan looks the best for fandom, but would such prove a success? This question stands in the way and until it is solved it is safe to say that Richmond will not enter the league. It has been tried before and each time it has failed. The latter plan seems the best, and will probably be adopted.

ONLY A PIPE DREAM.

"Play ball," the dreamer hears the shout, "Forgetful of the winter day." The summer breezes blow without. The game has started under way.

"Strike one," the fire is burning low. The drowsy rosters nod away. The bats are high and the ball goes: "Strike two," he hears the umpire say.

"Strike three, you're out," the rosters nod. The pitcher smiles and nods his head. He sees the batter's heavy scowl—"Dat ball went 'tree feet wide," he said.

The final inning comes around. The rosters howl and roar and swear. The other team begins to pound. Their twirlers curves; he's in the air.

And thus the rooster dreams away. Of sunny days that soon will be. He sees the rival teams at play. He smiles and chuckles in his glee.

"Hurry, a corker; watch him run!" "You're out," he hears the umpire shout. The dreamer reaches for his gun. And wakes to find his pipe out.

—Atlanta Journal.

ROOSEVELT DECLINES

TO ARBITRATE

(Continued from First Page.)

differences between these protocols, it is said will concern certain details, the nature of which is not yet known even to Mr. Bowen.

AT BRITISH EMBASSY.
The German protocol was submitted to him to-day by the German minister for consideration. Afterwards Mr. Bowen will go to the British embassy, in view of the illness of the British ambassador, and there will see the protocol drawn up by Lord Lansdowne. The Italian ambassador, Signor Mayor des Planches, will bring his protocol to Mr. Bowen to-morrow for consideration.

Having arranged for the signature of these first protocols, the negotiations will take up the second protocols, which are to cover the matter of adjudicating the claims of the various creditor powers and the means for the consideration of the customs duties.

It was admitted to-night that some days may pass before all of the protocols can be signed, owing to minor differences, but negotiations are expected to move more swiftly than in the past.

In administration and diplomatic circles the reference to The Hague is regarded as a victory for Minister Bowen, as Venezuela thereby is enabled to recover from the distressing effect of the blockade before starting the payment of her debts. The finding of The Hague tribunal may not be handed down for some months. The tribunal also will decide the vital question to South American States as to whether blockades and bombardments entitle Powers to preferential treatment at the hands of their debtor.

BRITISH MINISTER

CALLED SHARPLY TO TASK

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, February 6.—Confirmation of the London dispatch to the effect that Minister Bowen and the British Ambassador at their interview Monday had a somewhat heated argument was obtained here to-day. Indeed, it is stated that should the character of the cablegrams that the British Ambassador has been sending to his government regarding the attitude of Minister Bowen be made public the country would be furnished with sensational diplomatic incidents.

The Ambassador's action has resulted in several important details of Monday's conference leaking out. It seems that when the British Ambassador, who took the lead at this conference, had finished reading the cablegram of Lord Lansdowne, containing his last proposition for a twenty and ten per cent. division of the customs receipts of Porto Cabello and La Guayra between the allies and the

The Mysterious Visitor

Is Now Invading Many Homes.

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